बनते हैं इसलिए इस मद के लिए राज्यों को दी गई राशि अथवा मांग की गई राशि की मात्रा बताना संभव नहीं है । तथापि, 708.77 लाख रुपए की अनुमानित लागत के लिए मध्य प्रदेश सरकार से एक विशेष प्रस्ताव पर, कल्याण मंत्रालय ने भी मोरेना जिला में 28 गांवों को शामिल करते हुए अवरोधक बांधों के निर्माण हेतु 141.65 लाख रुपए की राशि सहायक अनुदान के रूप में संस्वी त की है । 106.23 लाख रुपए की राशि पहले ही निर्मुक्त की जा चुकी है ।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Low Wages Paid by Indian Embassies Abroad

1162. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the Indian employees locally recruited by the Embassies in countries such as the USA are being paid wages well below the subsistance level of those countries; and

(b) whether Government have examined the question in light of the security risk that is involved when the wages are so low?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (PROF. K. K. TEWARI): (a) and (b) Salaries of locally recruited employees in Missions abroad are fixed on the basis of norms taking into account the wages paid by the Diplomatic Missions of other developing countries as well as by the local government for comparable jobs. The salaries are periodically reviewed in the light of financial implications and cost of living increases as is demonstrated from data published by the United Nations. Taking these factors into consideration, the wages of local staff are not unduly low so as to give rise to a security risk. Besides, Locally recruited staff do not deal with security related matters.

Draft of Eighth Five Year Plan

1163. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Planning Commission has been directed by the Prime Minister to draft the Eighth Five Year Plan to target at higher growth rate than achieved in the past; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including the outline of the strategy for achieving this growth rate?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) Under instructions from the Prime Minister as Chairman of the Planning Commission, the Commission is working on the implications of alternative higher growth scenarios for the 8th Five Year Plan. The related strategies will be set out in the Approach Paper for the consideration of the National Development Council.

SAARC Meeting Held at Bangalore

1164. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total expenditure incurred by Government of India on the S.A.A.R.C. meeting held at Bangalore; and

(b) what is the amount spent through the State Government and whether any amount is due to be reimbursed to that Government; if so, the reason for the delay in making the payment to the State Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) A total expenditure of